Amendment to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on page 11 at line 12.

When the response includes corresponding timing parameters, the switching center **205** or **215** may use the timing parameters to differentially process and route each outgoing call leg associated with each secondary directory number. More specifically, the switching center **205, 215** waits an initial predetermined period of time, determined by a smallest timing delay parameter of a plurality of corresponding timing delay parameters, and following the initial predetermined period of time routes a first outgoing call leg to a first secondary directory number, of the plurality of secondary directory numbers, corresponding to the smallest timing delay parameter. The switch then waits a subsequent period of time, determined by a next smallest timing delay parameter of the plurality of corresponding timing delay parameters, and following the subsequent predetermined period of time, routes an outgoing call leg to a second secondary directory number, of the plurality of secondary directory numbers, corresponding to the next smallest timing delay parameter, until all outgoing call legs corresponding to the plurality of secondary directory numbers have been routed. This differential processing can result in concurrent or simultaneous alerting of each of the plurality of secondary call legs by compensating for the fact that some call legs, due to their nature may be terminated more quickly than other call legs which may be undesirable in some circumstances.

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 50 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for telecommunication conferencing in a multiple leg telecommunication session, the method comprising:

(a) receiving an incoming call leg designating a primary directory number;

(b) determining a plurality of secondary directory numbers associated with the primary directory number;

(c) processing and routing ~~each~~an outgoing call leg associated with each secondary directory number of the plurality of secondary directory numbers to form a plurality of outgoing call legs;

(d) monitoring answering of the plurality of outgoing call legs; and

(e) connecting answered outgoing call legs, of the plurality of outgoing call legs, to the incoming call leg for a multiple leg telecommunication conferencing session.